

Garton on the Wolds

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Newsletter

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CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

As you maybe aware, the week commencing the 9th February is Children's Mental Health Week.



During the week the children will take part in various activities to raise their awareness and understanding of the subject; whilst providing further information of what support is available to them if and when required.

Mr Harrison continues to write the school's Mental Health newsletter, which can be found on the school's website. The newsletter signposts parents to various outside agencies and names of staff within school who are able to offer support.

DRESS TO EXPRESS

As a school community, we will be encouraging all children and staff to use clothing and colour to express themselves on



Friday 13th February.

Your child/children's outfit can be as simple or elaborate as they like! Dress to Express is an opportunity for self-expression and celebrating a diverse range of emotions. The day also provides a great opportunity to be open about mental health and start conversations within our school community.

DE-FIB TRAINING

Thank you to everyone who supported the defibrillator training last week. We hope you found the session informative and useful. We would also like to thank the Friends of School for organising this valuable training opportunity.



PARENT GOVERNOR

Following the recent Parent Governor elections, we are delighted to inform you that Mr James Finch has been elected as Parent Governor for the school's federation. As there were no other applications, Mr Finch was elected unopposed.

We look forward to Mr Finch joining the governing body and being an integral part of the team.



CLASS DOJO

As you are aware, we are now using ClassDojo as a communication tool between class teachers and home.

We are aware that parents and carers may be offered the option to pay for additional features within the app; however, please be assured that this is not necessary for the communication we require. All essential information can be accessed using the free version of ClassDojo.



VALENTINE DISCO

Our Friends of School have organised a Valentine disco to take place on Wednesday 11th February, from 5:15 - 6:30 p.m. Children are invited to dress in red clothing for the disco, please note this does not have to be the full outfit and the choice is optional.



Tickets are available at a cost of £4.50 each, which is payable via the Parent Pay app. The price of the ticket will include entry to the disco, a hot dog, drink and biscuit and also the opportunity to take part in various fun games – with a chance to win prizes.

Thank you for your continued support, we are sure the children will thoroughly enjoy the event.

SAFER INTERNET DAY

On Tuesday 10th February, we will be recognising Safer Internet Day in school. This annual event is an opportunity to promote safe, responsible and positive use of the internet and digital technology.



Throughout the day, pupils will take part in age-appropriate activities and discussions to help them understand how to stay safe online and where to seek help if they are worried about anything they see or experience online.

We encourage parents and carers to talk with their children about online safety at home and to reinforce the key messages shared in school.

FAMILY AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Family Awards Assembly continues to be held on a Friday **morning** at 9:10 a.m. in the school hall. We look forward to welcoming you, as we celebrate the children's work and efforts.



PROGRESS & ACHIEVEMENT

The Progress & Achievement Awards Assembly will take place on Friday 13th February at 9:10 a.m. in the school hall.



NON-COOK COOKERY CLUB

Our **Non-Cook Cookery Club**, takes place every **Monday from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**



This club is designed to provide children with the opportunity to explore and enjoy food preparation without the need for cooking. It's a fun and educational experience where they can learn to make simple, creative, and healthy snacks and meals. Our focus is on developing practical skills, fostering teamwork, and encouraging healthy eating habits.

We would love for your child to join us in this exciting culinary adventure!

The cost is £3 per child, which will include any ingredients required.

If you would like your child to participate, please complete the attached booking form or inform the school office. Thank you.

ARBOR APPLICATION

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have signed up to the school's new communication app, Arbor. We are pleased to report that 96% of families are now accessing the app — a fantastic response!

As we are no longer using Teachers2Parents, it is important that all parents and carers activate their Arbor account as soon as they receive their email invitation.

If you are experiencing any difficulties or need support, please contact Mrs Clough in the school office, who will be happy to help.

Thank you for your continued support as we work to make communication clearer, easier and more efficient for all families.



We Need Your Vote!

Tesco Stronger Starts School Library Project

We are delighted to announce that voting has now started and will continue until the end of March 2026. Our goal is to enhance the school library into an inspiring, inclusive space where every child can read, learn, and explore their imagination. With your support, we can make this vision a reality.



Tesco Stronger Starts supports projects that benefit children and young people. The amount awarded is based on customer votes in our region:

- 1st place: Up to £1,500
- 2nd place: Up to £1,000
- 3rd place: £500

If we finish first, we will receive the full amount we requested - £1,500.

You can support our project by placing a blue token at the Driffild Tesco store.

Remember:

- You receive one token per transaction, regardless of how much you spend.
- You do not need to purchase a carrier bag to receive a token.

Please tell your family and friends! Thank you for your continued support—together, we can enhance our library space that our pupils truly deserve!

PACKED LUNCHES – NUT FREE

As part of our ongoing efforts to promote a healthy school environment, we would like to remind all families that the school encourages healthy eating habits. Please consider including nutritious food items within your child's packed lunch, to help support their overall well-being and learning.



Additionally, we would like to remind parents of our **No Nut Policy** to ensure the safety of all pupils, especially those with nut allergies. Please avoid sending any items containing nuts or nut products with your child. Thank you for your support.

MUD, MUD, GLORIOUS MUD!

As you are aware we attempt to utilise the school grounds as often as possible. To enable the children to have full access to the playing field, pupils must be wearing a pair of wellington boots/walking boots. If possible, please could we ask that your child has a change of clothes or tracksuit bottoms in school too. We are trying very hard to keep the mud out of the corridors and classrooms and this is one of the reasons we ask children to be provided with indoor shoes. Your support with this would be much appreciated, thank you.



SCHOOL CHOIR

Our school choir continues to take place on a Thursday morning from 8:30 a.m. with Mrs Heaton. The choir is open to all children in Key Stage 1 and 2 (Classes 2, 3 & 4). Please note there is no charge for the children to attend the choir.



PARENT/TODDLER GROUP

Our Parent/toddler group will continue to take place, on a Monday morning from 9:45 – 11:15 a.m. The Parent/toddler group is open to parents with children aged 0-4 years.



Please note that there is no charge for attendance at the group. All members of the local community are more than welcome to attend, please do spread the word. Thank you.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The After School Club continues to run from 3.30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. each day. The themes for the Spring term are: -



Monday	Cookery Club
Tuesday	Indoor/Outdoor Games
Wednesday	Craft Club
Thursday	Needlecraft Club
Friday	Model Making Club

WHAT'S HAPPENING **W/C 2nd February 2026**

Mon 2 nd	Parent/Toddler group After School Club -Cookery Club SEND – Parent/teacher interviews
Tues 3 rd	After School Club – Outdoor/Indoor Games Mr Wood After School Multi-Sports Club
Wed 4 th	After School Craft Club
Thur 5 th	After School Needlecraft Club After School Musical Theatre Club
Fri 6 th	JP Developers to work with Class 2 After School Model Making Club

WHAT'S HAPPENING **W/C 9th February 2026** **CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK**

Mon 9 th	Parent/Toddler group After School Cookery Club
Tues 10 th	Safer Internet Day After School Outdoor/Indoor Games Mr Wood After School Multi-Sports Club
Wed 11 th	After school Craft Club Valentine's Disco – 5:15 – 6:30 p.m
Thur 12 th	After School Needlecraft Club After School Musical Theatre Club
Fri 13 th	Dress to Express 9:15 – Achievement & Progress Assembly After School Model Making Club



Before & After School Club – Spring Term Booking Form

Child/ren's Name _____

Week 5	Before School Club			After School Club		
	7.45am –8.55am	8.00am -8.55 am	8.30am – 8.55 am	3.30pm – 4.00 pm	3.30pm – 4.30 pm	3.30pm-5.00 pm
Monday						
Tuesday						
Wednesday						
Thursday						
Friday						
Week 6	Before School Club			After School Club		
	7.45am –8.55am	8.00am -8.55 am	8.30am – 8.55 am	3.30pm – 4.00 pm	3.30pm – 4.30 pm	3.30pm-5.00 pm
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